

ITEM NO. 8 CORRESPONDENCE

June 6, 2022

**To: Myor Maurer, Mayor Pro Tem Shapiro,
Councilmember Bozajian, Councilmember Kraut and
Councilmember Weintraub**

CC: City Manager Kindon Meik and CDD Michael Klein

From Joanne Suwara

RE Item #8 on June 8, 2022 City Council Meeting

**I understand the need for an ordinance to comply with
“developer-friendly” SB 9 & 10 however I would like to
respectfully request that the City strongly consider
additional ordinances to address the needs of the
residents.**

**The fact that Calabasas is in a Very High Fire
Severity Zone is not addressed. Neither are
evacuation routes .There are approximately
5000 people living north of the freeway at Las
Virgenes Road alone --- and added to that is an
elementary school and businesses as well.**

And there are ADUs being added to the mix too. . This is the precise area that the Woolsey Fire went through and completely destroyed 9 homes as well as other homes over the years.

The infrastructure is already overburdened. There is one main route out and that is Las Virgenes Road. It leads to the freeway which, if closed as it often is during emergencies, leaves thousands of people with nowhere to go.

The General Plan Circulation and Safety Elements do not adequately address this issue. Outside consultants assure us that all is well but computer-generated scenarios put together by people who do not live here in no way portrays what really happens in a disaster.

Relying on the General Plan alone is also problematic because too many times in the

past statements in the General Plan have been re-interpreted to accommodate development at the expense of residents' safety and quality of life.

The City Attorney stated that there is a narrow path to appeal SB 9 & 10 applications if additional units impact the health, welfare and safety of the community. I believe this is the time to be pro-active.....not reactive.

Why wait for an application get to get that far down the road? You are the decision-making body and you live here so you know first-hand what is going on. We need ordinances that are strong and specific regarding controlling density to ensure the safety of residents and making sure infrastructure is adequate.

We need more than the ordinances you are considering. Maximum density in

neighborhoods should be aligned with existing infrastructure so that people can safely evacuate.

If we continue to pack housing units into already overburdened areas it is a disaster waiting to happen.

Thank you.

Joanne Suwara